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[54] CREATINE AMIDINOHYDROLASE,  
PRODUCTION THEREOF AND USE  
THEREOF

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**[57] ABSTRACT**

A creatine amidinohydrolase having the following physico-chemical properties:

Action: catalyzing the following reaction;  
creatine+H<sub>2</sub>O → sarcosine+urea

Optimum temperature: about 40–50° C.

Optimum pH: pH about 8.0–9.0

Heat stability: not more than about 50° C. (pH 7.5, 30 min)

Km value for creatine in a coupling assay using a sarcosine oxidase and a peroxidase: about 3.5–10.0 mM

Molecular weight: about 43,000 (SDS-PAGE)

Isoelectric point: about 3.5,

a method for producing said enzyme, comprising culture of microorganism producing said enzyme, a method for the determination of creatine or creatinine in a sample using said enzyme, and a reagent therefor.

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